

NEXT-100 Energy plane

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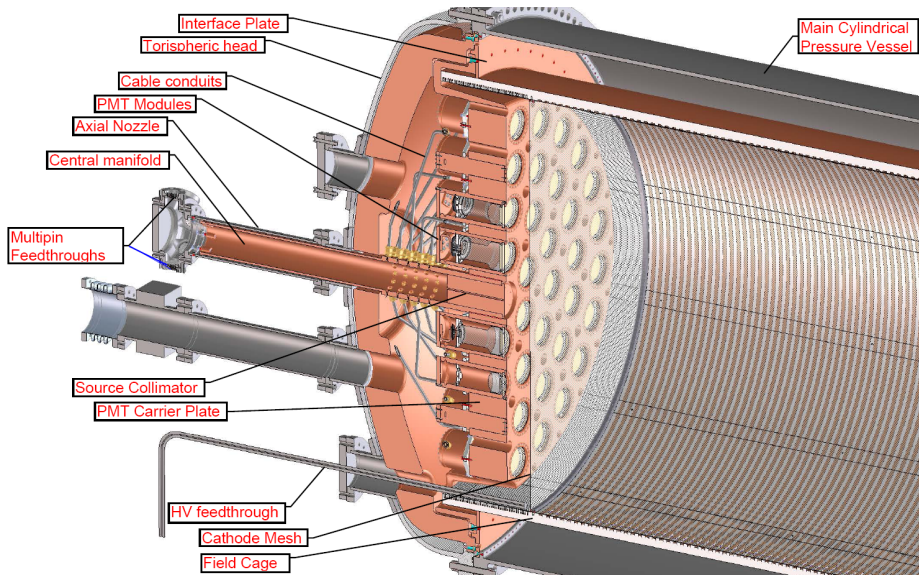
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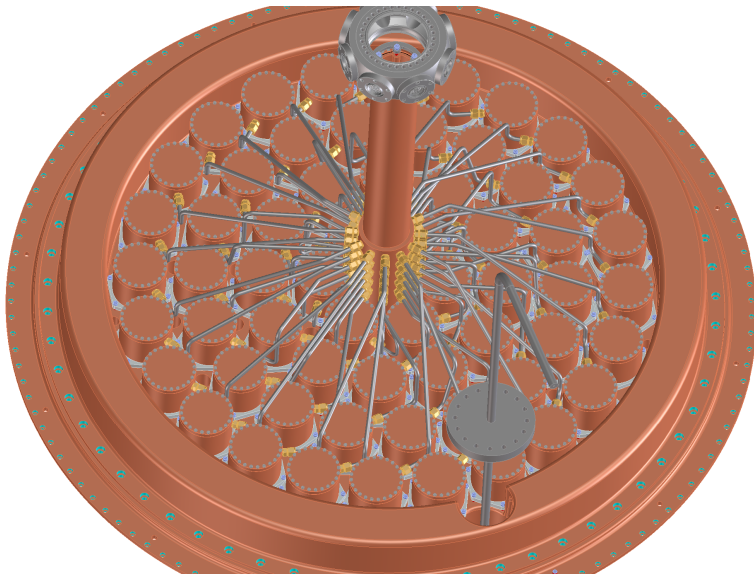
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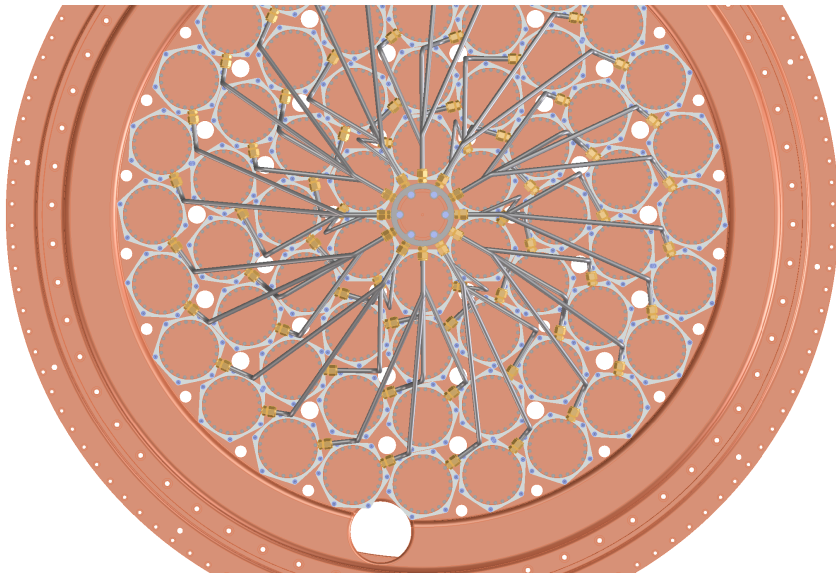
Basic Description of Baseline System

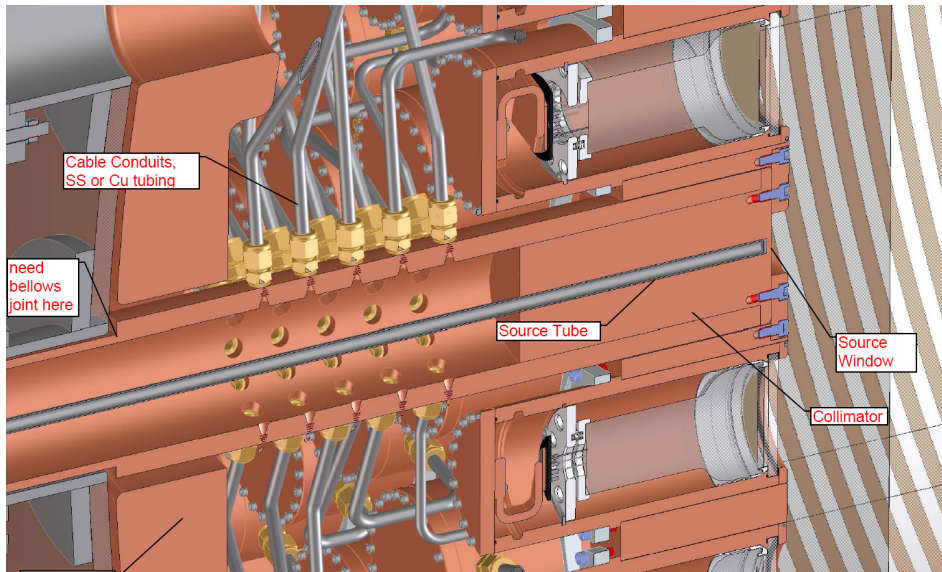
- PMTs (R11410-10) sealed into individual pressure resistant, vacuum tight Cu enclosures (PMT Module).
- PMT's operated at +HV (grounded body/photocathode). Body insulated from enclosure.
- Base design is a zener stabilized differential output, scheme from D. Nygren
- Initial base design by V. Alvarez
- Sapphire windows are secured with clamps having soft interfaces, and are O-ring or Helicoflex sealed
- Sapphire windows are coated on outside with ITO (to shield e-field) then overcoated with TPB
- PMT bases are potted with heat conducting epoxy to flexible copper braids thermally connected to enclosures
- Modules (60 total) mounted to a common carrier plate that attaches to an internal flange of the pressure vessel head.
- PMT cables are enclosed in individual pressure resistant, vacuum tight metal tubing conduits.
- Conduits all lead to a central vacuum manifold and sealing to internal flange of axial nozzle.

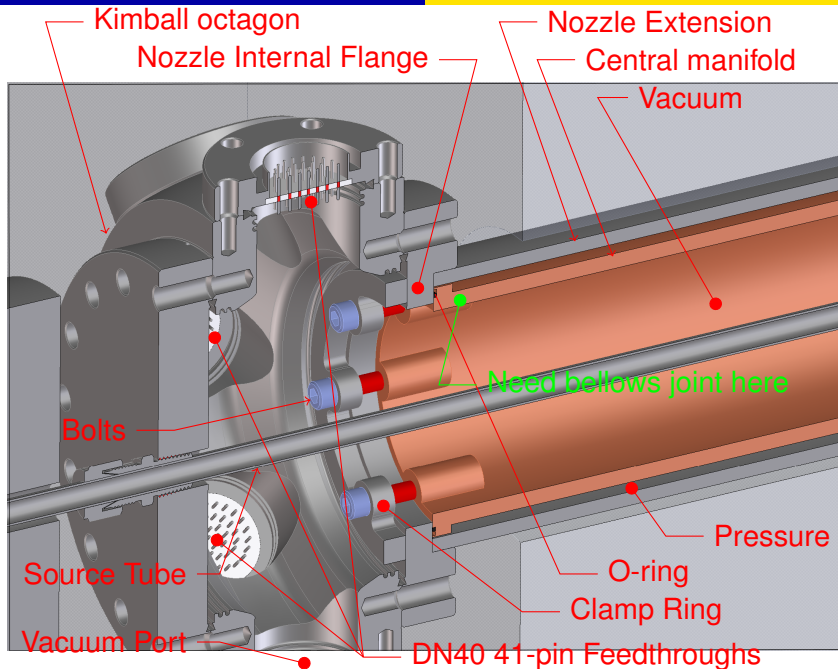
- PMT cables route through central manifold to (5) 41 pin CF feedthroughs on a CF octagon, outside the lead shielding.
- Vacuum ($< 10^{-4}$ torr) is applied at octagon port; gives (low 10^{-3} torr) inside enclosures for insulation.
- Large vacuum tank limits pressure build in central manifold in case of sapphire window failure
- Xenon permeation through seals is recovered with a cold trap.
- Base cooling is by conduction into enclosure and out to vessel flange. (1/3 convected into Xe)
- Central manifold incorporates a calibration source tube and collimator.





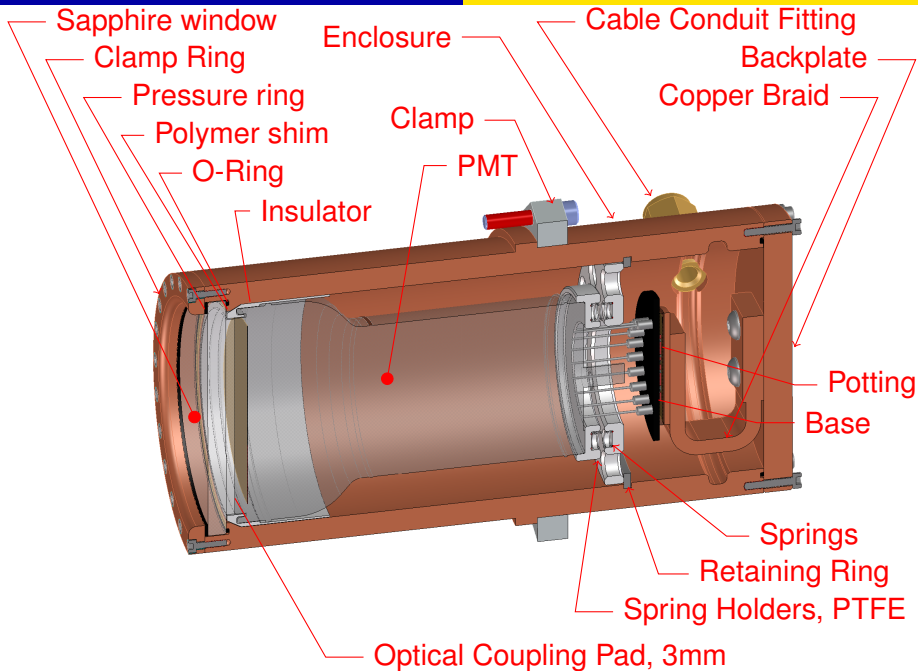


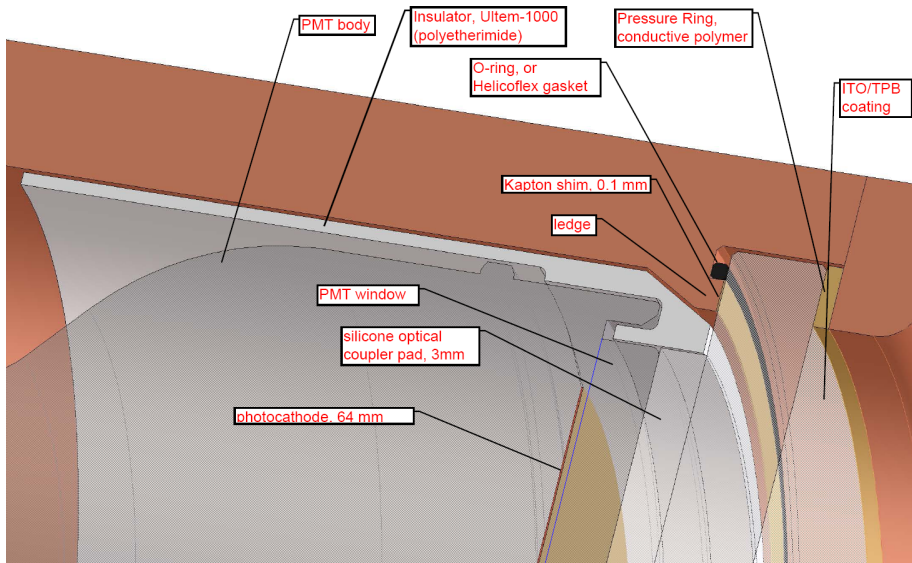


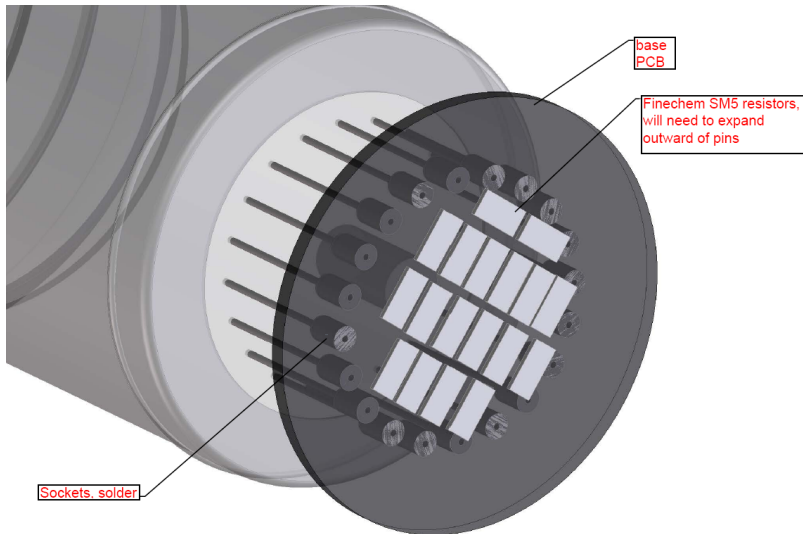


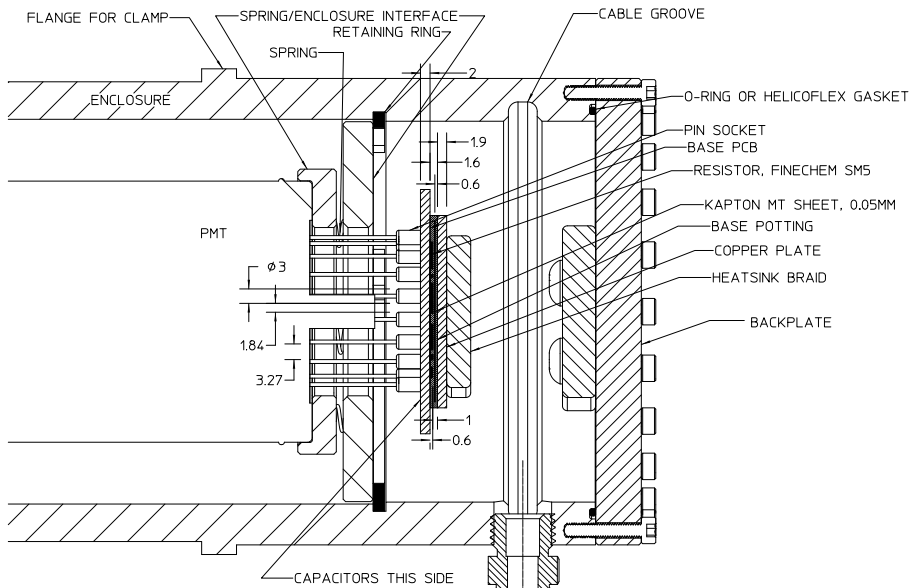
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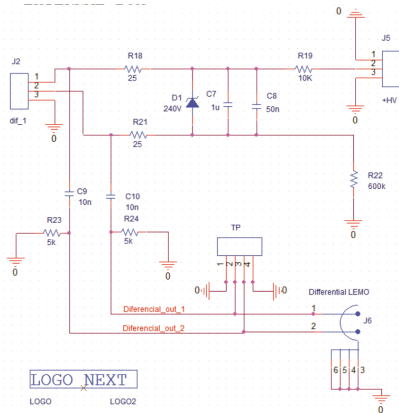
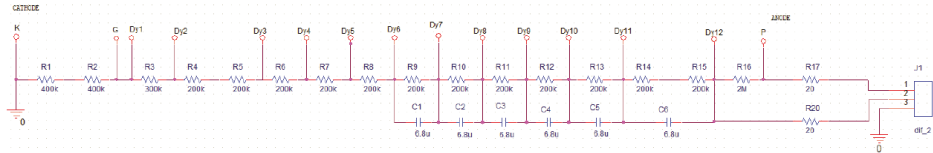
- PMT enclosures of copper (fab from OFE pipe)
- Cu carrier plate thickened - flush with enclosures at window
- Cu carrier plate now fastened to main cylindrical vessel (ICS shield remains in head)
- PMT Module assembly rotated 7.5 deg. - give more clearance for HV feedthrough
- Carrier plate will be redesigned for adjustable buffer distance











Prototyping progress

- 3 sapphire windows purchased and received, screened for gross radiopurity: Activity: <10 mBq/kg (U,late), <25 mBq/kg (Th)
- prototype enclosure parts are designed, fabricated, assembled and undergoing first vacuum tests.
- pressure vessel for testing enclosure is designed, fabricated and pressure tested, ready for use
- sample 32 pin feedthrough has been tested (preliminarily) for flashover as a function of vacuum.

For $U_z = E$, in V/cm:

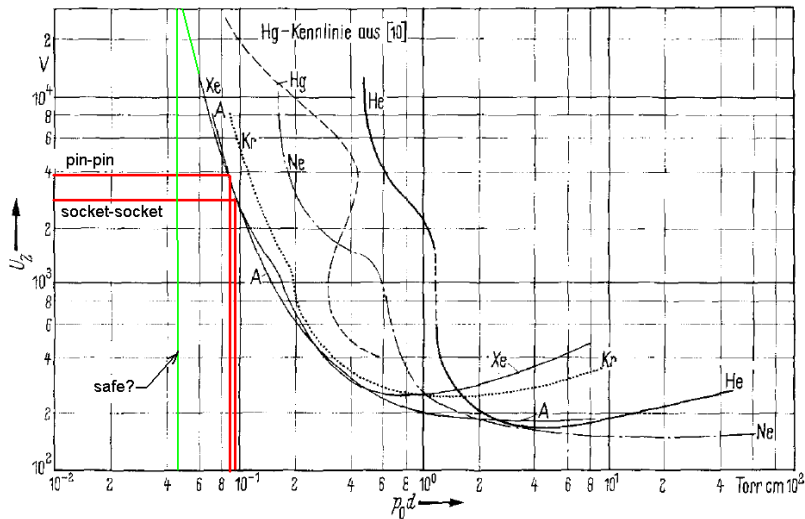
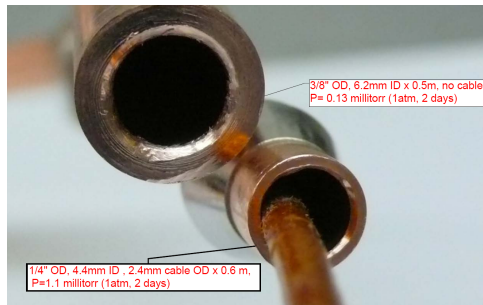
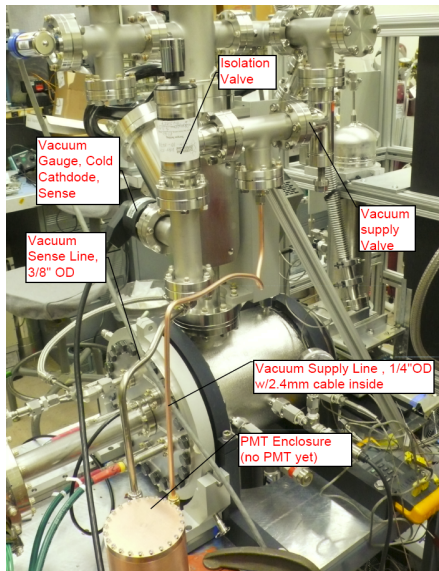


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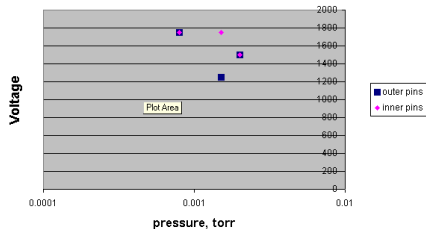


- not yet clear ratio outgassing to permeation - RGA He leak test negative
- Nitrile O-ring seals, window, backplate
- Expect 1 decade higher at high pressure

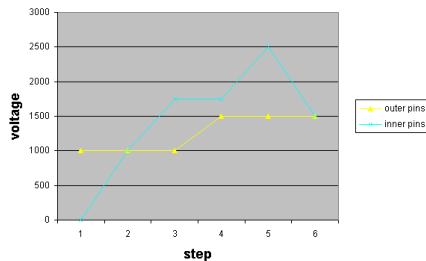
32 pin Ceramtec (similar to VACOM)



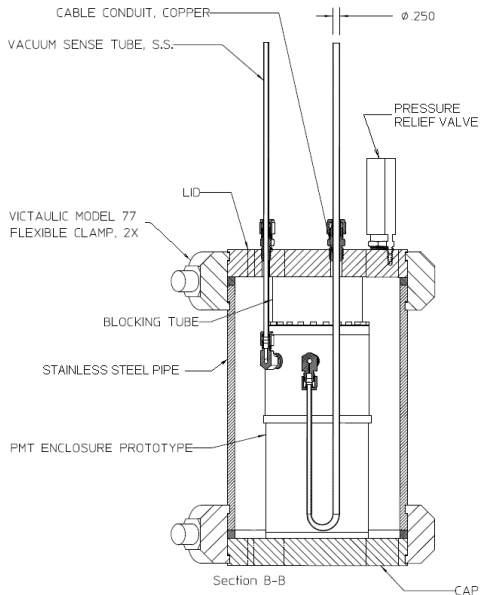
breakdown onset pressures at given voltages



Feedthrough voltages achieved so far, no sparking, $p=2 \times 10^{-5}$ torr



Pressure Testing Vessel for Permeation, HV? Studies



The following prototyping activities remain:

- Design, fabricate and test prototype base/front end for +HV operation (Nygren zener design).
- Assemble prototype enclosure, check parts for fit, function. Improve ledge design
- Install enclosure module into pressure test chamber. Repeat vacuum test with 15 bar various gases (Ar, Ne, He)
- Repeat with Helicoflex gaskets - check groove dimensions
- Investigate feasibility of H₂ (5%) leak testing.
- Final test 32 pin feedthroughs for 1750 V voltage capability, as a function of vacuum, including pin connections inside vacuum.
- Test PMT base/pin mockup for flashover resistance and glow discharge as a function of vacuum.
- Test various fittings (flare, VCR, Swagelok) for vacuum tightness repeatability.
- Complete base/heatsink design, design sockets, potting fixture
- Pressure test prototype windows to test pressure - test at least one window to failure
- Simulate buffer region e-field at window/carrier plate - test in pressure test chamber

- Central manifold - design bellows joints, integrate source and collimator, design cable termination harness at feedthroughs
- Carrier plate - Detail design - add buffer length adjustment - Issues: finalize HV cable location, is there to be a common ground mesh?
- Design and build window pressure test cell.
- Final base/front end/data acquisition
- Design tooling and fixtures for assembly and shipping
- Design hexapod fixture for head removal and carrier plate removal/rotation

